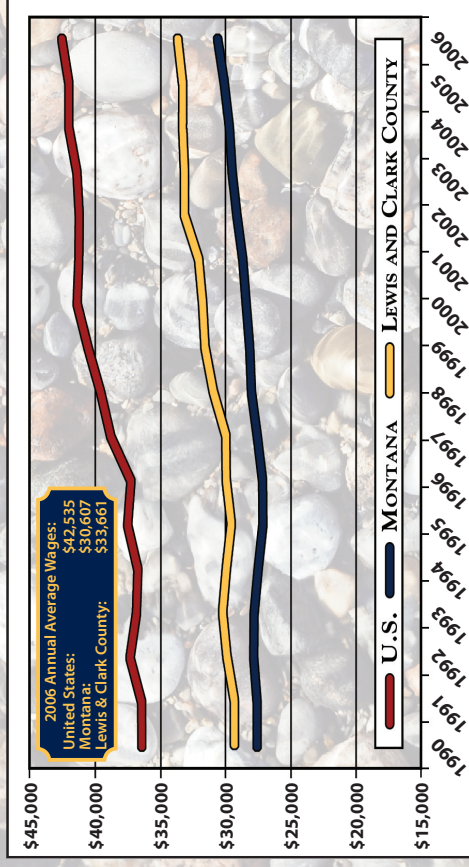


## Annual Average Labor Force - Lewis & Clark County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	31,519	30,591	928	2.9%
2005	30,641	29,553	1,088	3.6%
2004	30,720	29,588	1,132	3.7%
2003	30,706	29,589	1,117	3.6%
2002	30,433	29,212	1,221	4.0%
2001	31,070	29,841	1,229	4.0%
2000	31,212	29,963	1,249	4.0%

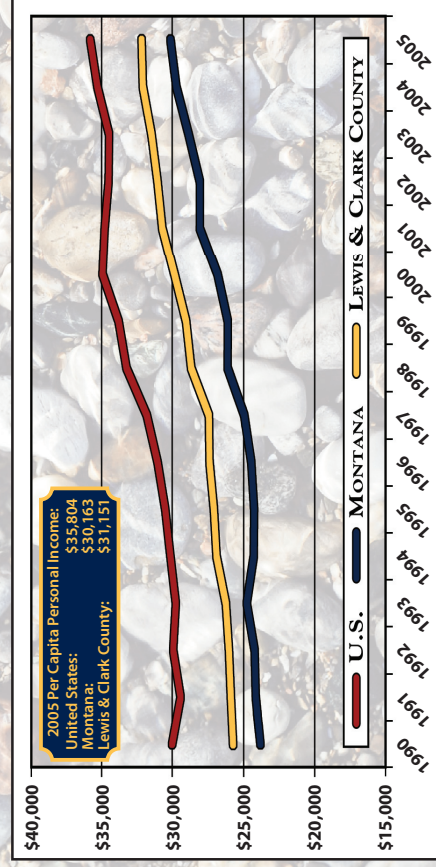
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

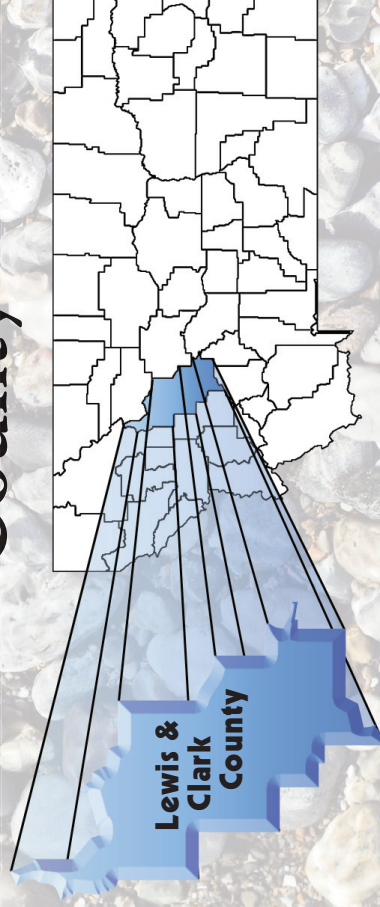
## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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## LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY

Lewis and Clark County is Montana's sixth most populous county, with an estimated 59,302 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Helena, the state capital and the county seat, is the state's 6th largest city, with a population estimated at 27,885 in 2006.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Lewis and Clark County include: Augusta, Canyon Creek, Craig, East Helena, Fort Harrison, Lincoln, Marysville, and Wolf Creek.

The capital city of Helena is known for its record of economic stability, owing in large part to government employment. Roughly one-third of Helena's workforce is employed in government positions.<sup>2</sup> Not only is Helena the governmental center of Montana, it is also regarded as a trading and transportation hub, due to its centralized location among Montana's major cities.

Helena is also home to two institutions of higher education: Carroll College and the University of Montana - Helena College of Technology. Carroll currently enrolls 1,400 students and was ranked as one of the best comprehensive colleges in the west for 2006 by U.S. News and World Report.<sup>3</sup> U of M-Helena COT enrolled 889 students in Fall Semester 2006.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

<sup>2</sup>"Helena: Economy," *Cities of the United States*, [www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-West/Helena-Economy.html](http://www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-West/Helena-Economy.html)

<sup>3</sup><http://www.carroll.edu/about/>

<sup>4</sup><http://www.umhelena.edu/ProspectiveStudents/QuickFacts/tabid/65/Default.aspx>

## Resources for Lewis & Clark County

### Chambers of Commerce

Helena Chamber of Commerce  
225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601  
(406) 447-1530, [www.helenachamber.com](http://www.helenachamber.com)

Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639  
Ph: (406) 362-4949  
[www.lincolnmontana.com](http://www.lincolnmontana.com)

### Newspapers

Helena Independent Record  
P. O. Box 4249, Helena, MT 59604  
(406) 447-4000 or (800) 523-2272  
[www.helenair.com](http://www.helenair.com)

Queen City News  
715 Gatchell St., Helena, MT 59601  
(406) 443-3678 or (406) 443-3699  
E-mail: [editor@queencitynews.com](mailto:editor@queencitynews.com)  
[www.queencitynews.com](http://www.queencitynews.com)

Blackfoot Valley Dispatch  
P. O. Box 427, Lincoln, MT 59639  
Ph: (406) 362-4975 Fax: (406) 362-4171  
E-mail: [bvd@montana.com](mailto:bvd@montana.com)

### Job Service Workforce Center

715 Front St., P. O. Box 201505  
Helena, MT 59620, (406) 447-3200  
<http://jisd.dli.mt.gov/local/helena>

### Economic Development

Gateway Economic Development Corp.  
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## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	15	382	\$38,144
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	58	\$12,262
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	9	91	\$36,768
Couriers and messengers	7	128	\$25,036
INFORMATION	45	705	\$43,125
Publishing industries, except Internet	9	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	4	32	\$11,953
Broadcasting, except Internet	7	84	\$39,613
Telecommunications	17	269	\$53,792
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	8	140	\$39,724
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	122	1,834	\$46,955
Monetary authorities - central bank	1	*	*
Credit intermediation & related activity	44	804	\$39,072
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	18	48	\$86,194
Insurance carriers & related activities	56	856	\$52,768
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	3	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	91	374	\$24,736
Real estate	74	252	\$23,316
Rental and leasing services	17	122	\$27,659
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	267	1,745	\$50,152
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	2	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	112	992	\$21,479
Administrative and support services	106	963	\$21,024
Waste management and remediation service	6	30	\$36,317
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	34	497	\$26,339
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	221	3,555	\$30,414
Ambulatory health care services	141	965	\$37,789
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	18	*	*
Social assistance	61	791	\$16,353
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	60	660	\$12,294
Performing arts and spectator sports	14	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	45	577	\$10,470
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	178	2,916	\$11,113
Accommodation	31	429	\$13,992
Food services and drinking places	147	2,487	\$10,617
OTHER SERVICES	261	1,709	\$27,577
Repair and maintenance	61	316	\$26,164
Personal and laundry services	26	166	\$13,595
Membership associations & organizations	162	1,214	\$30,014
Private households	13	14	\$13,689
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	136	9,521	\$44,088
Local Government	44	2,182	\$37,759
State Government	36	5,814	\$40,067
Federal Government	56	1,525	\$68,477

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2279	32,264	\$33,660
TOTAL PRIVATE	2144	22,743	\$29,295
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	27	162	\$20,200
Crop production	3	47	\$14,222
Animal production	13	90	\$21,293
Forestry and logging	4	5	\$42,224
Agriculture & forestry support	6	21	\$23,882
MINING	5	57	\$30,606
Mining, except oil and gas	4	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	8	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	273	1,587	\$35,898
Construction of buildings	91	566	\$37,123
Heavy and civil engineering construction	21	137	\$47,319
Specialty trade contractors	162	884	\$33,349
MANUFACTURING	57	690	\$32,495
Food manufacturing	6	111	\$19,016
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	29	\$7,049
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	5	54	\$34,362
Printing and related support activities	4	55	\$28,222
Chemical manufacturing	4	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	*	*
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	4	17	\$20,456
Machinery manufacturing	3	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	9	36	\$21,542
Miscellaneous manufacturing	9	80	\$22,838
WHOLESALE TRADE	70	648	\$37,350
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	32	264	\$44,103
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	24	347	\$31,550
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	15	37	\$43,625
RETAIL TRADE	269	3,751	\$22,072
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	38	523	\$33,923
Furniture and home furnishings stores	22	129	\$28,174
Electronics and appliance stores	17	84	\$25,201
Building material & garden supply stores	28	452	\$27,386
Food and beverage stores	20	544	\$18,903
Health and personal care stores	11	108	\$25,952
Gasoline stations	17	143	\$13,603
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	22	133	\$15,079
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	26	268	\$13,081
General merchandise stores	12	998	\$19,447
Miscellaneous store retailers	43	289	\$15,873
Nonstore retailers	15	80	\$29,893
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	43	716	\$32,642
Air transportation	5	48	\$21,304

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

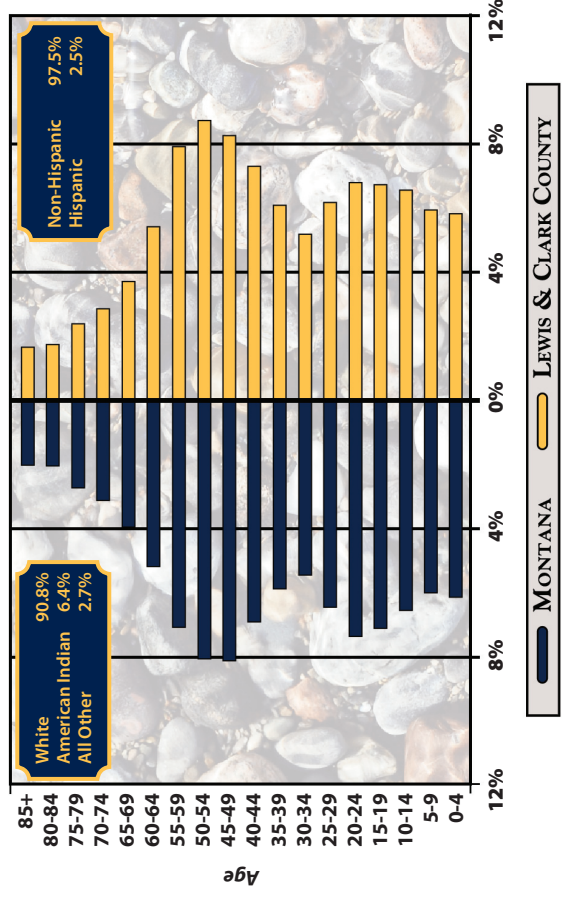
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## Population for Lewis & Clark County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Lewis and Clark County	6.4%	59,302	58,387	57,932	57,165	56,452	56,246	55,882	55,716
East Helena town	25.9%	2,068	1,860	1,795	1,687	1,649	1,646	1,645	1,642
Helena city	8.2%	27,885	27,369	27,162	26,768	26,350	26,206	25,975	25,780
Balance of Lewis and Clark County	3.7%	29,349	29,158	28,975	28,710	28,453	28,394	28,262	28,294

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Lewis & Clark County, 2006



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

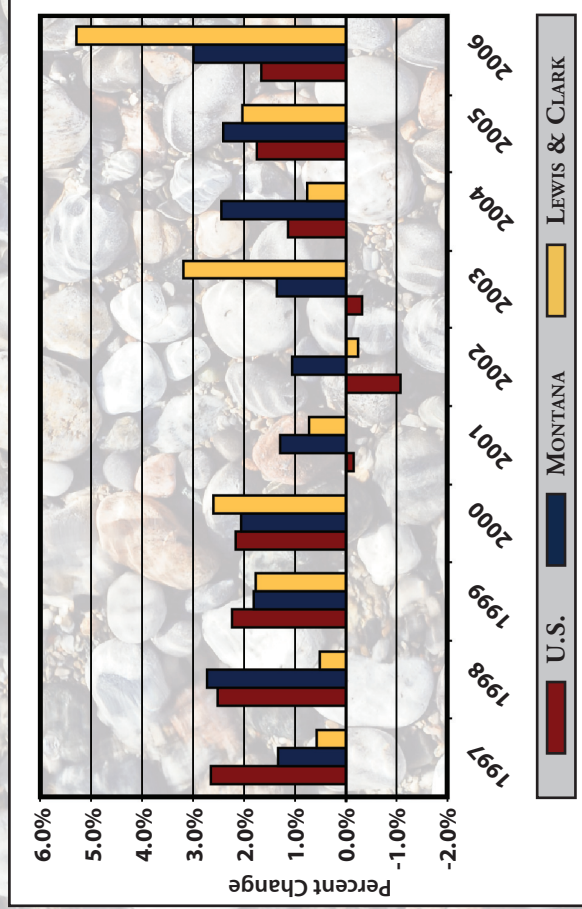
## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Lewis & Clark County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	8.6%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	29.3%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.1%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	21.3%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	6.9%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	2.7%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Lewis & Clark County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 20 Private Employers in Lewis & Clark County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertson's	6	Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage	6
American Chemet Corporation	6	Montana Independent Living Project	6
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	8	Morrison-Maierle Inc	6
Carroll College	7	Mountain West Bank	6
Costco	6	St. Peter's Hospital	8
Dick Anderson Construction	6	Shodair	6
Family Outreach	6	Student Assistance Foundation	7
Helena Sand & Gravel	6	Wal-Mart	7
Home Depot	6	Watkins & Shepard	6
Independent Record	6	Westaff	6

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees, Class 2 = 5 to 19 employees, Class 1 = 1 to 9 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Lewis & Clark County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	635
Land in farms (acres)	841,826
Average size of farms (acres)	1,326
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	541
1,000 acres or more	94
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	586
\$100,000 or more	49
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	596
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	39

### Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	39,644
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	3,776
Horses and ponies	2,492
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	6,829
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	5,241
Barley for grain	7,786
Oats for grain	175
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	45,339

### Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	334
Other	301
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	570
Not on farm operated	65
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	186
10 years or more	449
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	326
55 years and over	309
Average age of operators: (number)	55.5

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
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